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In-Building Emergency (Wireless) Communications in New State Owned Buildings

Be advised that a change to the Virginia Construction Code, 2009 edition, March 1, 2011, affects life safety services provided by localities to state building owners.

Coordination between localities and state building owners is necessary where a locality provides emergency services to state building owners. This coordination is critical to ensure localities and state building owners are in compliance with the Virginia Construction Code, 2009 edition, March 1, 2011, Section 915, *In-Building Emergency Communications Coverage* in new construction. A Fire and Emergency Services Agreement – or a supplement to an existing services agreement – between a responsible locality and state building owners is recommended to address the coordination of the type of equipment, equipment location, and code required *Operations* and *Acceptance Testing* for these systems.

State agencies should contact their localities to discuss the Fire and Emergency Services Agreement as it relates to new construction.